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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PUSHPANGADAN et al.

Title: SAFE, ECO-FRIENDLY, HEALTH  
PROTECTIVE HERBAL COLORS  
AND AROMA USEFUL FOR  
COSMACEUTICAL APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

*Boraginaceae*

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 7, 2001, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-47, for examination, with traverse. Applicants, of course, also reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims, or reinstate the non-elected claims if an elected general linking claim is allowed.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants elect as follows:

(a) Colorant: Macrotomia.

(b) Additives/Essential Oils: ocimum:jasminum:cymbopogon in the ratio of

1:2:1. Applicants point out that, as disclosed in the specification, additives and essential oils are the same.

(c) Organic and inorganic bases and acids: oxalic acid and sodium acetate.

Applicants submit that the elected species read on claims 1-29, 31-35, 37, 39, 42-45 and 47 and request examination on the merits of these claims.

*Echioides*  
*Cephalotes*  
*Benthania*  
*Arnebia*  
*Euchroma*  
*Usamensis*

*Twinn?*

*puspion*  
*palmarosa*  
*oil*  
*lemongrass*

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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